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Ms. Smith:

**THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFICE OF RIVER PROTECTION AND
WASHINGTON RIVER PROTECTION SOLUTIONS LLC COMPLETION OF II.B.5.A OF
THE 241-AY-102 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

Reference: Pollution Control Hearings Board, State of Washington, 241-AY-102 Settlement Agreement, PCHB No. 14-041c, signed and submitted September 29, 2014, effective October 2, 2014.

The purpose of this letter is to notify the State of Washington Department of Ecology of the completion of the requirement to, "No later than March 4, 2017: Complete sludge retrieval according to [the] *AY-102 Recovery Project Waste Retrieval Work Plan*, RPP-PLAN-59931, Rev 2." in accordance with the Settlement Agreement in Washington River Protection Solutions (WRPS) and U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection (DOE) v. State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), Pollution Control Hearings Board Case No. 14-041c, Section II.B.5.a.

Consistent with having reached the limits of two initial sludge retrieval technologies, conducted in accordance with the *AY-102 Recovery Project Waste Retrieval Work Plan*, RPP-PLAN-59931, Rev. 2., and in accordance with the Settlement Agreement Section II.B.5.b., within thirty-five (35) days, but no later than April 9, 2017, WRPS and DOE will provide Ecology with a written status report which will include: (1) an estimate of the amount of waste remaining on the floor of the primary tank; and (2) a determination either that conditions allow for inspection, or that the remaining waste prevents such inspection.

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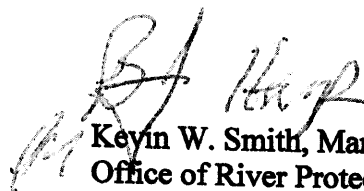
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